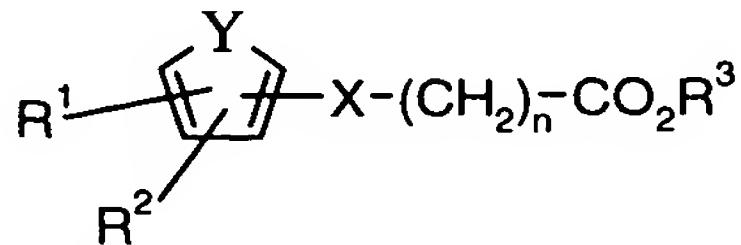


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A compound of formula I:



I;

wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are each independently H, OH, cyano, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, CF_3 , halo or $NR^4R^{4'}$;

R^3 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl;

X is a 5-membered aromatic heterocycle that is optionally substituted with C_1-C_4 alkyl; wherein said heterocycle contains at least two or three heteroatoms selected from N, S and O wherein at least one heteroatom must be N;

Y is S, $CR^5=N$ or $N=CR^5$;

n is 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7;

R^4 is H, COR^6 , SO_2R^7 , or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

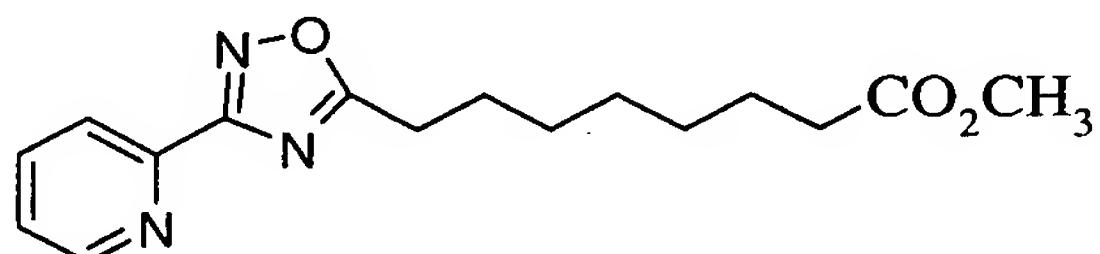
$R^{4'}$ is H or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R^5 is H or forms a bond with X;

R^6 is H or C_1-C_6 alkyl; and

R^7 is H or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

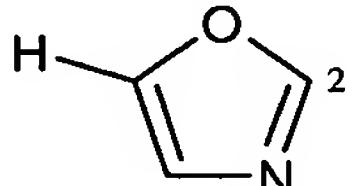
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof; wherein said compound of formula I is not:



2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^2 are each independently H, OH, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, CF_3 , halo or $NR^4R^{4'}$ and wherein X is not substituted with C_1-C_4 alkyl.

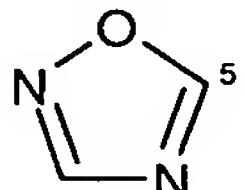
3. (Original) The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein R³ is H.

4. (Original) The compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein X is



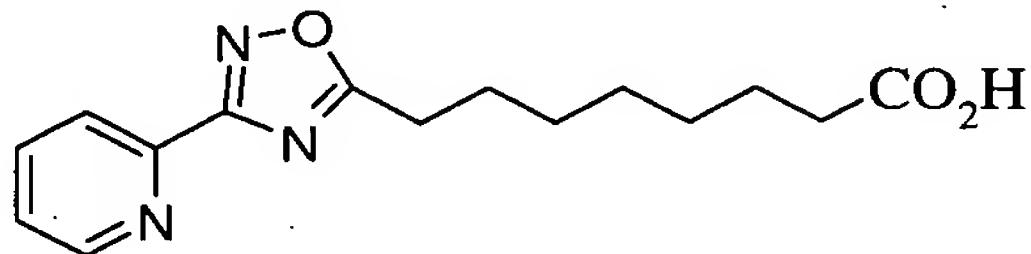
; R³ is H and the (CH₂)_nCO₂R³ moiety is attached at position number 2; or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

5. (Original) The compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein X is



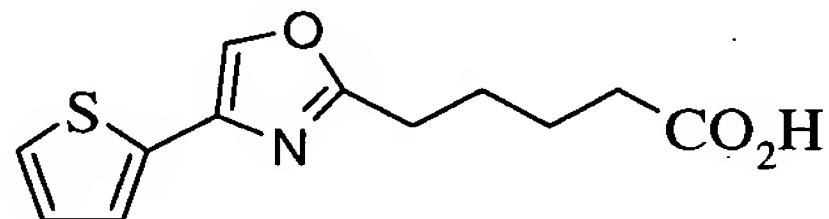
; R³ is H and the (CH₂)_nCO₂R³ moiety is attached at position number 5; or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

6. (Original) A compound which is



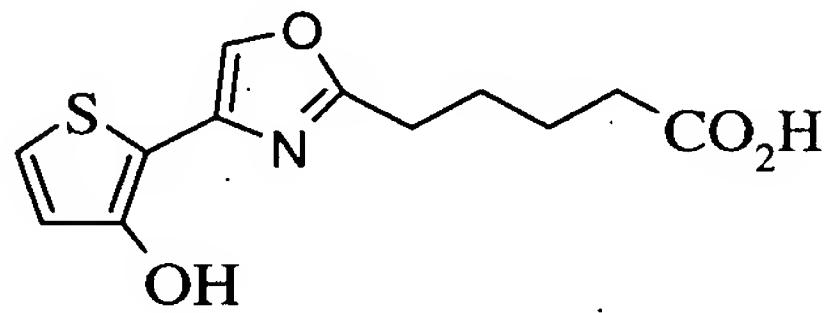
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

7. (Original) A compound which is



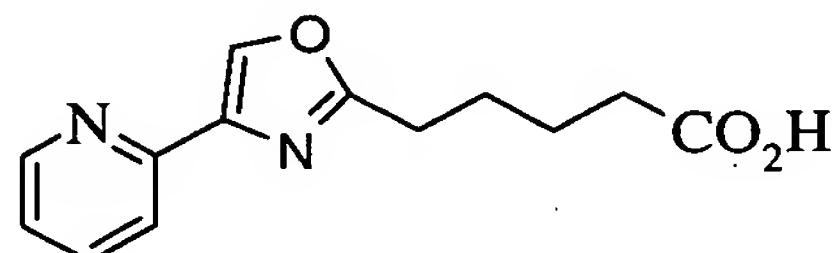
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

8. (Original) A compound which is



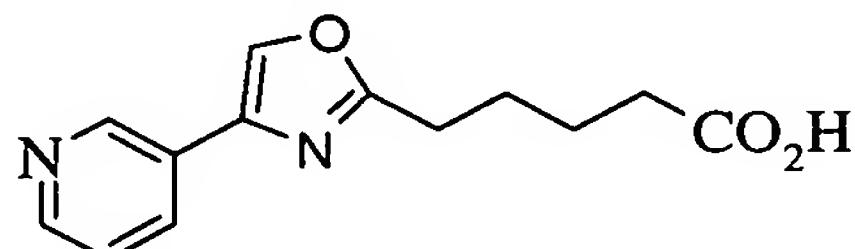
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

9. (Original) A compound which is



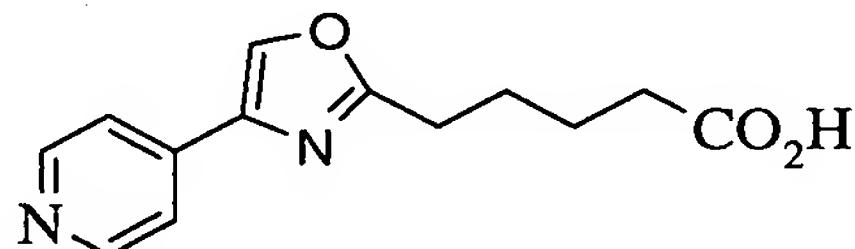
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

10. (Original) A compound which is



or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

11. (Original) A compound which is



or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

12. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- a) a compound of ~~any one of claims 3-11~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutical salt thereof; and
- b) a GLP-1 compound.

13. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 12-14 wherein the GLP-1 compound is Val⁸-Glu²²-GLP-1(7-37)OH.

14. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- a) a compound of ~~any one of claims 3-11~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutical salt thereof; and
- b) an MC4 agonist peptide.

15. (Cancelled)